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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-121199, which was published on May 12, 1995, along with an English language translation of the relevant portion;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 4-90176, which was published on March 24, 1992, along with an English language translation of the relevant portion;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 2000-67490, which was published on March 3, 2000, along with an English language translation of the relevant portion; and

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-168600, which was published on July 4, 1995, along with an English language translation of the relevant portion.

Applicants note that these documents were cited in connection with a Japanese Office Action for Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-225210.

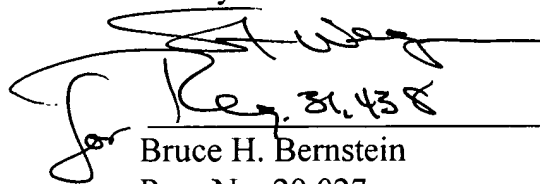
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite these patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and are listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

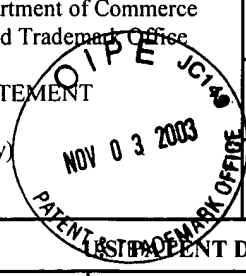
Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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1	English Language Translation of relevant portion for JP Appln. No. 7-121199.
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